GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2646 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2016

National Fertilizer Limited

2646 SHRIM. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the production of urea in order to meet the demand and consumption of farmers across the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for revival and expansion of the fertilizer plants under the National Fertilizer Limited; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): Department of Fertilizers had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) -2012 on 02^{nd} January, 2013 and its amendment thereof on 07^{th} October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to reduce import dependency.

The Government has announced New Urea Policy-2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea units with the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in the urea units; and to reduce the subsidy burden on the Government.

Government has approved to revive five defunct fertilizer units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL)/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.(HFCL) by setting of

urea plants having capacity of producing 1.27 Million Metric Ton (MMT) Urea per annum at each of these units. These five units includes Talcher, Ramagundam, Gorakhpur and Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni unit of the HFCL. In addition to these five urea plants Government has also approved to establish a new brownfield Ammonia – Urea Complex (Namrup-IV) in the existing premises of the BVFCL The capacity of this plant will be 8.646 Lakh Metric Ton Per Annum.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Recently National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) submitted a proposal for setting up of new Greenfield urea project of 1.27 million tonnes of Urea per annum at its existing site at Nangal. In this regard, NFL has been requested to clarify whether necessary approval of Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests and State Government have been obtained.
